BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Important Reports from Commissioners of Accounts.

Grave Charges Against the Fire Commissioners.

THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

Mismanagement and Corruption Implied.

LABOR QUESTION AND HARLEM FLAT NUISANCE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aidermen was held yesterday. The republican members placed in contempt by recusing to obey the rules of the Board again absented them-

THE LABOR QUESTION. Alderman Reilly offered the fellowing resolution relative to laborers' wages :-Resolved. That the wages of all unskilled laborers em-ployed in the several departments of the city govern-ment be and the same is nerely fixed at the sum of \$2 per day of eight hours, that being, by State law, a legal day's work.

in offering tois resolution Alderman Reilly stated he had consulted several able lawyers on the subject. They had informed him that the Board of Aidermen had alone the right to direct and regulate the wages of laborers on the public works of the city. He (Mr. Relliy) had also questioned Corporation Counsel Smith in relation to the matter, and a similar opinion was expressed

The resolution was adopted without a dissent-

The ordinance in relation to the killing of dogs furing the summer mouths was called up, but mid over, as a sufficient number of members was not present to pass it.

THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PIBE COMMISSIONERS. It will be recollected that six months ago Mayor Wickham transmitted to Governor Tilden a schedule of charges against the Fire Commissioners. These charges have never been acted upon, and were based upon a report made to the Mayor by the Commissioners of Accounts. This report has not been published, and was yesterday sent to the Board. It is as follows :-

BERUTIVE DEPARTMENT. CITY HALL, & New York, June 24, 1875.
TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:
GENTLEMENT—I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Commissioners of accounts in reference to the Firs Department.

WILLIAM M. WICKHAM, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONESS OF ACCENTS, 4
CITY HALL FARE, NEW YORK, June 23, 1873.

BOR. WILLIAM H. WICKRAM, MAYO:—
SIR—I'RE Commissioners of Accounts are in receipt of
Aresolution a opiece by the Board of Aldermen on June
7. 1875, which resolution and the preamble relative
thereto are in the tolicowing terms:—

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eas on the 19th of september, 1974, a resolution
pred by the Board directing the Commissioners
into the examine the accounts and manner of
ing the business of the zire pepartiment, paryin the purchase of material and supplies and
high of contracts, and report, with such suggesa recommendations as might be decired conduthe interests of the city—which said report, after
amination had been made, was deposited with
or on or about the 19th of December 18st, but was

resident of the separthent, and such assignment to on the father state (Office as to Employee, In the report of December 26, 121, reference is made as to the character of several of the employee of the decament, which then I have been turnabed with an increase, which bears out think report from the policy records, which bears out think report from the policy records, which bears out think in report is networkly transmitted for such action as each of the report decimal than the policy of the record of the policy of the proper thereto as each of the policy o

In there and a some a some consistent which, as I improved, was incretofore and one of the committee of the previous report mode to the care of the ca

wenture to remark that the confessed unwillingness of the members of the poard to proceed against Mr. White, by declaring his office toffcited, as by law regotted, suggests a personal and unest-factory motive in the individual members of the Board for their course. Lessecting, LINDSAT J. HOWE, Commissioner of Accounts.

Extracts from minutes of Fire Department, April 28, 75-Countries over Perley and Van Cott present and ammissioner rates absent. President Perion absent.

President Perion offered the following:

Resolved, Haat William is. White be and he is hereby removed from office as secretary of tast doministion, his answer to resolution at april 19 not being satisfactory. Commissioner van Cost moved that the resonnien lay over minit a full meeting of the Resert, and hat a special meeting to take auton of the case be called for triday, at 11 A. M. Which was hest—Commissioner van Cott voting in the affirmative and tresident Perley in the negative.

The quasifier was thest facule on the adoption of the resolution and if was lost—freshers. Perley voting in the affirmative and Commissioner van Cott in the negative.

Ommissioner Van Cott then moved that a special meeting be called for Friday to take action on the removal of secretary. White.
Which was carried—President Perley and Commissioner van catt voting to the affirmative.

READQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF New York, Frider, April 20, 1875. SPECIAL, MARTING.
Present-President Joseph L. Periey. There being no

Copy.)

New Yors, July 13, 1574

E. A. STREW, Erg. —

Dram Sim.—Mr. Orr. to whom Mr. Perley assigned all includered in the esti-closing valve, has presented a bill by the ballines turnished New York xay (wenty-one at 50, as pain belove, mosting \$1.05, and inv June account, among \$40, with absorb the amount pretty near. Mr. Orr spoke to me some time ago anout this maker, and it was my intention when you returned here from Philadelphia, when last ont, to have aljusted the matter with you not have you send him a cheek for the amount. The tells me that it will be a great convenience to have this week, and tilless there is some objection to my tong so on your part i propose so bay fine, I will wait, however, a return mail to love doing so. The varies, you gill remember, were made and sen here with the unferstanding that Ar. Ferrey was to have \$50 aphore, and twenty one are still impast for, as he say, and I think correctly. Yours, fruit. A Straw, Agron.

[Copy.] Maxcuseron, M. H., July H. 174.

Crass A. Licer, Esp. —

[Copy.] MANCHERTON, N. H., July 18, 174.]

CHARA A. LICCE. ESQ. :
URAR SIS.--I DAVE your layor of the 12th, referring to

salmout of royalty on the regulating valves.

We have made but forty of these valves, which have

all been sent to New Yors, and we have already paid on

account of the royalty SLOW, which rever the royalty

ape. on, lourieen. In July, 1871, the New York Depart

SUPREMINISHMENT GEORGE W. WALLING, MUNICIPAL POLICE,
NEW YORK:—
DEAR STA.—Herewith please find reports on characters
of the following named persons viz.:—
On a 1—Joseph commers, No. 16 Waverley place.
No. 3—Joseph Wollace, No. 45 South Fifth avenue.
No. 3—Albert Osborne, No. 24 Bond street.
No. 4—theny Lippencout, No. 2 Annuy street,
No. 5—Nathan J. Hennett, No. 50 Wond street.
Joseph Somwers holds a position in the Fire Department. He is a notorious gambling character, and was formerly associated with one "Colonel dward M.
Carr." as a partner, and together they "weered" men into the skin fare Dank Kept by "Tom Shedd," at 6-9
Broadway, Sommers was also a partner in the "banco game," is imperiy kept by "Sackus and Furley, down town, and lurnished the money (550) to purchase the tools with which the game was first started, Backus is now in ——, and commers turnished the money to pay his lawyers in endeavoring to see him acquitted. He has a very bad reputation, and is a constant frequenter of No. 2 Anny street and corner of Amity street and South Fifth avenue.
Joseph Wallace also holds a position in the Fire De-

Commissioners, and of the part taken by me in said purchase of such claim or patent." I beg respectfully to submit the following statement:—

On the 17th day of September, 1878, I entered into an agreement to purchase from Mrs. Scott Uda the letters patent of the United States and oreat Britain in the aerial, flying and bridge laiders.

On September 18, 1878, I pand Mrs. Scott Uda the sum of \$3.000, and on experiment I fit sum of \$10,000, as required by the provisions of said contract, and on the lext day an agreement was delivered to me by her.

On September 28, sight days after the mail payment above mentioned, the warrant of the city of New York, in payment for the right to manufacture and use, for municipal purposes only, the said invention, was delivered by Mrs. Scott Uda, by ber attorages, Three days increafier—that is, on September 28—I received from Mrs. Scott Uda the sum of \$5,124 52, in full for all mencys remaining in her possession after payment of outstanding obligations (by her made dependent upon the collection of the claim against the city, accompanied by the Tollowing statement:

of the custon with the course of the custon services. \$3,500 00
September 25, E. N. Dickerson, as retainer in
sum and the patent involved therein. 1,000 00
reptember 25, pais W. B. White. 15,000 00
October 10, Leggett & Leggett, for services in the
unatter of search.

ental expenses.
ber 10, paid W. B. White, to balance account 6,124 89 Total MARY BELLE SCOTT UDA.

New York, October 10, 1874.

New York, October 10, 1874.

It having been further verbally agreed that I should purchase the ladder truess brought to this country for exhibition, in case such sale med the approval of certain interested parties abroad, on November 20 i gaid Mrs. scott Uds. as per such agreement, \$1,00. On December 14, 1876. I also paid her \$5,00 for a certain improvement made ity her after the issue of the original patents. From the above occounts it therefore results that the total profits derived by me from the purchase of the above patents were \$4,024.53.

You will perceive by this statement that the above was the purchase of the lovention, together with all the patents on it in the two countries mentioned, and not the simple purchase of the claim against the city of New York.

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We have made but forty of these valves, which have till been sent to New York and we have already paid on account of the roys and we have already paid on account of the roys and we have already paid on account of the roys thee valves the royative paid on touries. In July, 1874, too New York Department was considered with twenty of these valves in Jernature of the weight and no person is the intracted with the unit of the royative and the supportation cannot be made so as to go into operation before next year. Mr. Smill n recommends an examination of the subject, in order to operation before next year. Mr. Smill n recommends an examination of the subject, in order and weight represented. This certainty is a same of management of the ministing of supplies and weight represented. This certainty is a sound of subject to deliver interior goods and of security from the A. Luce.

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ne house, &c., that from February 15, 1574, down to the pres-tal the painting for the department has seen a a person who is not now nor ever has been a fie is a man of unenviable notoriety in this

community.

The monopoly of the painting business of the department has been secured to him, and his blis contain charges for the raw material alone to twenty-five per cent higher than the market rates while the quantities charged are largely in excess of what was required for any specific work. With so many men in the employment of the department who have become anticle may yet

receive \$50 each for every valve sold to the Fire Department, claiming it as his invention.

Thearned that forty of these valves had been delivered to the New York Fire Department, but not samped as being the invention of any person, and upon these valves, April 30, 1873, Mesrs, Perley & Orr were paid \$500, on June 7, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1873, Orr was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1874, or was paid \$500, and on July 16, 1874, or was a claim, making a total payment of \$3,400, leaving \$1,400 the amount the Amoskway Company received. In April, 1874, Paliett make a claim under, as he claims, bad advice, for excessive damages. The department them aboutshed all the valves that had been paid for, and on May 18, 1874, Gilbert J. Orr was awarded a patent for a relief valve of similar nature and the one now in use by the capariment. It will be noticed that the last payment by the capariment had aboutshed the valves and about four months after the department had aboutshed the valves and about four months after the Patent Office had decided that Mesers, regrey and Orr had no claim an the original valve.

partment had aboused the valves and about four months after the Patent Office had decided that Mesers, reries and Orr had no claim in the original valve, then the adoption of the Orr valve, Pailet then commenced a suit in the United states Circuit court, for intringement of his patent and caiming damages. This suit is now pending and special counsel has been retained to estend it on the part of the city. It will appear, therefore, that the city has paid for the torty valves herefolder referred to, and to which Mesers, Percey & Orr had no claim as inventors, and has involved itself in thigation, the result of which stylet to be determined. The price paid for the Orr valves now in use by the department is excessive, they costing the department about \$50 each, and can be furnished to less than one had the cost. Gibber J. Orr has also another patentias by the department, called the Embire Distributing Nozzie, and soal to the department of \$100 each by h. 6. Hitton, of this city.

All work to be done for the improvement of these lands will have to be paid from the process of assessment bonds and will be assessed upon the property benefied. Your action by ordinance may be necessary to legalize the assessments and to meet the objections of the Finance tepartment to the payment of any expenditure unless legally authorized beyond technical cavil. In order to secure in advance the necessary material for filing I have advertised for offers of clean earth in that vicinity, and have received quite a number from property owners willion to give surplus earth to the city free of cleans of the control of the communication was laid over.

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Over.
REFORT AS TO MANAGEMENT OF THE PARKS.
The Commissioners of Accounts sent in the following report as to the management of the Park
Department, which was ordered printed:—

OFFICE OF THE CONMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, June 24, 1875. SE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDRESSEN:-BE HONGMARIE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—
SYLEMEN.—We herewith transmit a report made by
missioner Howe to whom the matter was referred,
mightance with a resolution passed by your honorbody on March 26, 1875. Respectfully.

JOHN J. WESTRAY, commissioners of

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

37 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, June 23, 1875.

No. 32 CHARDES STATE OF ACCOUNTS;— GENTLEREN-Upon the 23th day of March, 1876, the fol-lowing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Aidermen, which resolution and relative pren. Which resolution and relative pro-ollowing terms:—
reported that grave irregularities exist
keeping the accounts in the Departrks, and, in consequence of such irregich it is alleged, appropriations for
have been used for other purposes
r, the department has found it necesworking force in the Bureau of Conearly half of the workmen employed
ichdsy dismissed from the employment
is be it therefore
the Commissioners of Accounts be and

intely engaged in an experiment, and the Commissioners of Accounts in such investigation."

The examination has been a protracted one, owing principally to the difficulty experienced in tracing some of the manters which were not explicitly stated in the entries in the books of the department.

As to MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS, he moneys appropriated for maintenance raised by faxation and for construction purposes are the moneys which have been raised from the case of bonds specially authorized by successive acts of the Legislature.

It appears from the books of the department that from January 1, 1873, to January 1, 1875, a period of two years, no account, such as an appropriation account, has been kept in the books, showing the amounts specifically set

ments during this period:
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY TO MAY, 1573.

Balance in ban. \$22,683 16
Received from Comptroder for maintenance. 100,000 to
Received from Maconto's Dam bridge. 17,000 00
Received from Maconto's Dam bridge. 17,000 00
Received from West Farms. 1,544 50
Received from West Farms. 7,341 30 7.941 30 572 96 4,676 19 Total..... Kingsbridge Fordoam Bridge On amount erroneou mount erroneously charges twice and paid to Chamberlain in bank &c. for construction with money set apart for

.\$1,331.035 50 3,975 00 Total Wason & lingues, to complete collitact. The department will have to expend on these contracts—department proportion. True W. stollers.

Moran & Armstrong. 10tal.....

called the Metropoittan Museum of Art and the Ameri-can Museum of Natural History, and in the same law it was provided that a jund or stock should be crosted, the annual interest of which should not exceed \$35,000 on on May 3, 1871, the Department of Parks, at a meeting held that day, alopted the following:—

on May 3, 1871, the Department of Farks, at a meeting held that day, a lopted the following:—
"Resolves, mak Manhattan square be forthwith graded and prepared for the erection thereon of the buildings authorized by law to be erected by this department for the new following the matter of the first manner of the new following the following the matter of the first manner of art."

By chapter 786, Laws of 1873, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was authorized to be erected in Central Park, and is new in Brucess of erection at —— street and Full secure of the manner of the mann

moneys already expended, and an estimated amound one on all contracts bending. On November 6, 1874, at a meeting of the doard the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That a statement of the facts contained in sair report relative to the erroneous charges made grained in the contract of the facts contained in sair report relative to the erroneous charges made grained to the comparison of statural mistory be transmitted to the Comparison of the city of New York, and that he be and is being respectfully requested to transfer on the books of the Finance nepartment the sum of \$58,196 62, erroneous charged to that find, to the fund provided by changer 66, Laws of 1574, for the construction and improvement of the public parks, squares and places."

"Resolved, that the said sum of \$53,101.52 be and the same is hereby directed to be reserved out of the fund provided by said chapter 665, Laws of 1574, to reimbures and fund for the construction, erection and maintenance of said building for a Museum of Natural History. Whatever protex, may be inade as to the recommendations contained in these resolutions, as spread upon the minutes of the Board, the sample signification of the same was thoughts predaily set apart by the statute of 1871 for the purpose of erection, construction of the same was thoughts predaily set apart by the statute of 1871 for the purpose of erection, construction maintenance of this building, an amount expended the moneys unon works of construction outside the building for a subject, and which expendent for the purpose of erection, construction and maintenance of the purpose of erection, construction and maintenance of the purpose of erection construction and maintenance of the purpose of erection of that building, which should have been charged up against the minute of the should have been charged up against the hundred of the should have been charged up against the fund authorized only for the purposes of the erection of that building, which should have been charged up against the minute

a discrimination made without great labor and uncertainty or result.

Section 91, chapter 335, laws of 1578, provides that "Whenever any work is necessary to be done to complete or perfect a particular lob, or any supply is needed for any particular purpose, which work or job is to be undertate, or supply iternished for the Corporation, and the several parts of the said work or supply statis to be undertated by the said work or supply statis on the said work or supply statis to be undertated by a vote of three fourths of the memory of the said work or supply statis to great shall be done by contract * unless otherwise ordered by a vote of three-fourths of the memory decreted to the Common Council. * This provides the said work of the same particular of the bills for which were rendered for an amount within the pronibitions and restrictions of the Charter, but were continual and successive purchases of the same parties for the same purposes, and the several parts of which together involved the expenditure of more than \$1,000. The prominent instance of this is that on the 19th day of January, 1874, the commissioners, at a meeting held that days dominated by the hairman of the Executive Committee presented a report of the proceedings of that committee, recommending that the following action be taken by the Board, viz.:—

"That the ten brick urinals now in Central Park be religied by structures or a similar purpose made of from

stone, at \$1 per load.

January 21, 844-James clattery, 951 loads of stone, at \$1 per load.

January 31, loft-James blattery, 950 loads of stone, at \$1 per load.

February 5, loft-James Slattery, 950 loads of stone, at \$1 per load.

February 18, 1674-James clattery, 950 loads of atone, at \$1 per load.

And the state of the manufacture and saventification of parks and places, and including the sum of \$50.03 for the keeping, preservation and exhibitions of the collection in the American Suseum of Art, and including the starles of the President, derse officers and empirics other than forement of laborers.

**Notwithstanding this restriction of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which was concurred in by all its members, including the comproder, both in this meeting, above reterred to, and also at a meeting head becomine its, 1874, to make up the sudget for 1875, in which there was a similar restriction, the Department of Parks has conjunced down to March 24, 1876, when it was ascertained the construction fund was exhausted, to pay the salaries of the resident cheras and other officers a divised amount charged in against both founds, in being admitted that this division is an arbitrary one, that neither the dather nor the pay of these officers can be apportioned as in the three matters are required as near as pumble as in construction and maintenance by the anomal or work in progress at the time.

Section 116 of the charter, chapter 3.5, Laws of 1873, provides that the "annual salaries to be paid to persons herein maned shall be as tollows, and such salaries shall be in tuil for all services rendered by them to the city or county in any capacity whatever."

""" "I the President of Parks, store than the President, nothing."

or the "9th of August, 1873, D. B. Williamson, one of the Commissioners, was elected of teasurer of the Board,

ing." the 25th of August, 1873. D. B. Williamson, one of the commissioners, was elected irresenter of the Board, and on october 23, 1878, at a meeting of the board, a resolution offered and adopted that the "treasurer's sulary be fixed at the sum of \$8.00 per annum, the same to be paid to said treasurer from the date of his appoint-

resolution is said reasure from the date of its appointment.

In Treasurer, in accordance with this resolution, drew his saidry for September, October, November and December, 1873, in violation of the provisions of the law above reserved to. At a meeting the Commissioners, held Occember 30, 1873, the following is entered upon the minutes—Communication from the treasurer stating that in view of the lact that the Antexation act will imperiate the sent of the Communication from the treasurer stating that in view of the lact that the Antexation act will imperiate the sent the date of the Treasurer of this department after the lat day of January, 1873, he was vess all caims after the lat day of January, 1873, he was vess all caims after the lat day of January, 1874, he was vess all caims after the lat day of January, 1874, he was vess at caims after the lat day of January, 1874, he was vess at the saim of the communication be accepted and entered upon the minutes. Adopted.

At a meeting held May 1, 1874, the President moved that the satury of the communication that the work of three of the Communication. The pay rolls for June and July had the treasurer's name and amount of more plasered, but it was apparently exceed, and no payment was made.

On the 18th of July, 1873, the Treasurer's name and amount of more plasered, but it was apparently exceed, and no payment was made.

On the 18th of July, 1873, the Treasurer, in a long communication to the fluary, and spread upon the minutes, waived his claim for salary, similiting that it was a question open to obsection as to his right to take it.

The department has a nuclean preaded over by an officer called a distorting clerk, who also has three cierks and two incommences in the commissioners the correctness of the rolls. There is, apparently, no check on this bureau, under the system now adopted, to preven any overstating of the law the pay of his during the portion of the fathful performance of his dury to the

on this boreau, under the system now adopted, to prevent any overstaint of time by the sweral foremen of laborers on the payrolis, as rendered by the disbursing overs.

The disbursing clerk informs me that he has given bonds for the faithful performance of his duty to the Commissioners, but no such bond is on file in the department that I can learn upon inquiry at the central office; but I find a bend was given to the first fourd of Commissioners, but no such bond is on file in the department that I can learn upon inquiry at the central office; but I find a bend was given to the first found of the commissioners of the Department of Farks on Vebruary I, 1871, which is now fired with the Comptroller, and is of no legal store or validity.

Petition 29, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, provides that "All payments by or on behalf of the Corporation shall be made through the proper dissursing officer of the Department of Finance on vouchers to be fined in said department of Finance on the Chambersian by the comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor." The disbursing clerk of the Department of Farks receives the money for the police and labor payrolls in bulk from the Finance Department, and is not in any manner an employe of the department of Finance. His disbursements the past year exceeded \$50.084. In compliance with section 186 of the charter of 1873 I have made an examination into the duties of the several employes of the department could be materially reduced without in any way impairing the efficiency of the department. Respectfully submitted, LINISAN I, HOW & Commissioner of Accounts.

COMPTROLLER GREEN'S AXE AT

Ten clerks of the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes were yesterday removed. Their names

Some assert, however, that political considerations are at the both m of the frontols. The salaries of the decapitated ranged from \$1.000 to \$1.000 per year.

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE APPROPRIATION-UN-EXPENDED BALANCES OF THE DEPARTMENTS-CLAIMS AGAINST THE OLD PARK COMMISSION. The Board of Apportionment met at the Mayor's office yesterday, Comptroller Green, Mayor Wickham, Alderman Lewis and Tax-Commissioner Wheeler being present. A communication was received from the Brocklyn Bridge Commissioners asking for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from New York, in accordance with the law, which

Comptroller Green offered a resolution asking that he be empowered to notify the heads of departments and all omcers of institutions entitled to moneys from the city to send in their estimates for 1876 by the 1st of September next. The resolution was adopted.

Power was given the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of \$5,000 to pay some small judgments lately given against the city.

A resolution, offered by Comptroller Green, to transfer \$50,000 from the unexpended balances of the Board of Education for 1874 to the general fund, was adopted.

The Comptroller called attention to the law which promibits departments from expending any more moneys than are appropriated to them by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, In connection with this subject he produced a lengthy document, citing some 115 claims against the Park Department which had been certified to by Mr. Salem H. Wales, President of the Commission in 1873. He also called attention to a letter sion in 1873. He also calied attention to a letter from Mr. Wales sent at that time, asking for a transfer of moneys to the department. Some four or five of these claims had already passed into suits. Not a dollar was in the treasury to meet such demands. Charges had been made against him (the Comptiolier) of creating judgments against the city. He could do notating with these claims unless the Board mase some appropriation for them. They should not have been contracted in excess of the appropriation.

MAYOU WICKHAM SUGGESTED that the matter be referred to the Park Commissioners for an explanation. Aldorman Lewis remarked he was about to make a similar motion.

Comptroller Green—I think all explanation cay be given by the gentleman who was the President of the Park Commission.

Mayor Wickham—The other Commissioners may probably wish to take part of the responsibility.

Comptroller Green—Don't you want any explanation cay

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The matter then took the course suggested by the Mayor.

The matter of fixing the salaries of Commissioners of the Third Jaddicial District Court House was then taken up. Considerable debate ensured as to the exact powers of the Board in the premises. A fessolution was finally passed giving the President of the Commission \$2,500 and his celleagues \$2,000 each per annum.

A communication was received from the Board of Police asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 to defray the expenses of two scows to be piaced in the harbor for reception of ashes and other refuse from passing steamboats, in accordance with the act passed by the last legislature. Laid over.

COMPTROLLER GREEN CALLED UP the resolution transferring an unexpended balance of 1874, of \$150,000, from the Police Department to the general fund. Police Commissioner Voorhis was present and stated that funds were requisite to establish two additional station houses. After some discussion the amount to be transferred was set down at \$100,000 instead of \$150,000.

transferred was set down at \$100,000 instead of \$130,000.

The following (as appears in a statement submitted to the Board) is a list of the unexpended balances for 1874, in the different city departments, in the hands of the Comptroller:

Public Works, April 5.
Common Council, April 3.
Leatth Department, April 25.
Charities and Correction, April 17.
Board of Education, April 17.
Taxes and Assessments, April 24.
Police Department, April 25.
Fire Department, May 3.

WILLIAM. M. TWEED.

HOW HE LOOKS-PERCEPTIBLE CHANGES IN HIS FIGURE-SCENES IN THE JAIL. To those familiar with the celebrated "Boss" in

the paimy days of his power the present sickly and emaciated condition of Tweed presents a strong and most pitiful contrast. What a strange picture the criminal in Ludlow Street Jali presented vesterday to the picture of the Americus King at Greenwich ! A door, carelessly left open, gave the writer, while wandering yesterday along the hall in the jatl, a passing glance at the dethroned politician. The apartments reserved for aim were large, commodious and very comfortable, but still, at the same time, not inxurious. They have pretty much the same contrast to his rooms at home as his cell at Blackwell's Island bears to his present abiding place. When the writer observed him was rectining upon a lounge, lying there, apparently, not through any disposition to be "lazy" or indifferent, but because he needed rest and because his frame was too weak to permit him to occupy a chair. His confinement at the Island has very greatly reduced him in flesh and has wrought marked changes in his features; indeed, should be be released to-day, it is safe to say that he could pass at least one-third of those who knew him of old without recognition. He is pale and thin and haggard. His imprisonment has requeed him eighty-five pounds is weight. The rich color that used to suffuse his cheeks has entirely disappeared and left in its cheeks has entirely disappeared and left in its place a whiteness like that of alabaster. When he stretched out his hand a nervous tremor was very noticeable, and when he left the lounge to wark to any other part of the room his step was wavering, shaky and gunstendy. He is at present suffering from an attack of diabetes. The disease with him is not ephemeral, but chronic. He has been a victim to it for many months, and hence the manady is making fearful inroads upon his system. By reason of this affliction his physician, who cails upon him taree times regularly every day, has given the most imperative orders that no one shall be permitted to see him. This strict decree, in the handwriting of his physician, excludes bot only his warmest political friends, but also his nearest and dearest relatives. The Warden of Ludiow Street Jail histornel the Heaald reporter yesterday that of the hundreds of politicians who had within the last forty-eight hours sought an interview with the "ex-Boss" not one of them had secured it. The physician, the lawyer and his son, Richard Tweed, are the only persons that have been permitted to enior his apartments. Mr. Tweed had written upon the same delicate and monogram note paper so familiar to took knowing him in former days a letter as follows:—

Mr. Wanden—You will please state to all visitors who desire to see me that, by advice of my physician, and owing to my own bothy weakness, iam prevented from granung them as andlence.

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Mr. Tweed's counsel stated again yesierday that
they are fully confident that the ball of \$3,000,000,
in default of which Tweed is at present held, will
be greatly reduced, and that before the end of the
week the "Boss" will be at large again.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.

New York, June 23, 1875.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-Will you please inform me, through the medium of your paper, when music in Central Park will be resumed ? Brooklynites have had music in Prospect Park for some time, and why should we be deprived of it? Respectfully, A CONSTANT READER.

MUSIC AT PROSPECT PARK. The fifth concert for 1875 will take place to-morrow, from four to six P. M., by the Twentythird Regiment Band; L. Conterno, leader.

1. Fest March. 'Der Tannhauser''. Wagnet
2. Eomance, 'Le Chant du Retour' Kucken
3. Overfure, 'La Fille du Regiment'. Donzeit,
4. Waiz. 'New Vienna'. Strader
5. Selection, 'Faist'. Guinof
6. March, "scotch Melodies". Arranged by L. Conterne 7. Overture, "Proffetheus" Beethoven
8. Song, Fruhings Erwachen" Bach
9. Fanusia, solo for Zylophon Ferner
10. Scena ed Aria, "Athia" Verdi
11. Wattz, "Einen Tange" Gungl
12. Galop, "Saison on Withelmsbad" Stasoe
National Airs. Stasoe

Extra open con Extra open cars will be run on Flatbush avenue line from the Chy Hall to the Fark every Saturday and Sunday afternoon during the summer season.

NOT A DISORDERLY PLACE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-In your report of the proceedings before the Legislative Committee on Increase of Crime my house No. 57 Amity street, is referred to as a disorderly place, where music and dancing dis-nuros the neighborhood and where disreputable persons are harbored. This I woully deay, and ask for the fullest investigation on the subject. Captain E. UNGER.